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TEXT OF MAY 2, 1974 CIRCULAR NOTE:

QUOTE. THE ACTING SECRETARY OF STATE PRESENTS HIS COMPLIMENTS TO THEIR EXCELLENCIES AND MESSIEURS THE CHIEFS OF MISSION OF THE GOVERNMENTS WHOSE FISHERMEN HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO OR CURRENTLY DO FISH IN THE NORTHWEST ATLANTIC OCEAN OFF THE COAST OF THE UNITED STATES AND OTHERS CONCERNED WITH NORTHWEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES, AND HAS THE HONOR TO INFORM THE CHIEFS OF MISSION THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS THAT A SUFFICIENT PERIOD OF TIME HAS ELAPSED TO ALLOW FISHERMEN OPERATING IN THE REGION TO BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THE NEW LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS REGARDING AMERICAN LOBSTER AS DESCRIBED IN THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S CIRCULAR NOTE OF JANUARY 18, 1974.

UNITED STATES ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS HAVE BEEN INFORMING FISHERMEN OF THE NEW REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING AMERICAN
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LOBSTER AND OF UNITED STATES POLICY CONCERNING CONTINENTAL

SHELF FISHERY RESOURCES GENERALLY. THEY HAVE REPORTED THAT THE FISHERMEN CONTACTED WERE AWARE OF THE NEW REQUIREMENTS.

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT APPRECIATES THE COOPERATION EXTENDED BY OTHER GOVERNMENTS IN BRINGING THE CONTENTS OF THE SECRETARY'S NOTE TO THE ATTENTION OF THEIR FISHERMEN AND REQUESTS THAT THEY BE INFORMED THAT UNITED STATES ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WILL NOW BEGIN TO ENFORCE UNITED STATES CONTINENTAL SHELF FISHERY RESOURCE RIGHTS TO THE FULLEST EXTENT. IN THIS CONNECTION, IT IS RECALLED FROM THE JANUARY 18 NOTE THAT "FISHERMEN ARE EXPECTED TO RETURN TO THE SEA IMMEDIATELY ANY AMERICAN LOBSTERS WHICH MAY BE TAKEN INCIDENTALLY IN THE COURSE OF DIRECTED FISHERIES FOR OTHER SPECIES FOUND IN THE REGION. FISHERMEN WHO ENCOUNTER CONCENTRATIONS OF AMERICAN LOBSTERS IN THE COURSE OF THEIR FISHING OPERATIONS SHOULD TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS TO AVOID SUCH CONCENTRATIONS IN FUTURE TOWS." CONTINENTAL SHELF FISHERY RESOURCES SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE SEA WITH A MINIMUM OF INJURY. WE WISH TO NOTE THAT THESE PROVISIONS APPLY FOR ALL UNITED STATES CONTINENTAL SHELF FISHERY RESOURCES, A LIST OF WHICH WAS ENCLOSED WITH THE SECRETARY'S NOTE OF JANUARY 18, OFF ANY COAST OF THE UNITED STATES. UNQUOTE.

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